

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) A method of distributing data to a user over a network, comprising the steps of:

reading inputting data stored in a device returned by a user, the data including a unique address that is at least a portion of a web page address;

storing said data in a server computer connected to said network ~~in a region set in~~ association with said unique address or unique data assigned to the user, and

transmitting said data to a terminal connected to said network when the user accesses said server computer from the terminal using said unique address or ~~said unique data,~~ ~~wherein said unique address or unique data is stored in a memory of said device.~~

2. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein said address is previously provided in said device in a form which is visible to the user.

3-4. (Canceled)

5. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein said address is generated from information associated with the user.

6. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein said address is a URL.

7. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein said data which has been input is transmitted to said server computer via said network and is stored on said server computer.

8. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein said terminal of the user is at least one of a computer, a portable telephone, and a digital television.

9. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein said data includes image data and/or voice data.

10-25. (Canceled)

26. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein said unique address or unique data is stored in a root directory area in a memory of said device.

27-28. (Canceled)

29. (New) A system for data distribution, comprising:  
a device for storing data by a user;  
a shop for providing the device to the user, reading the device when it is returned, and associating with the user a unique address that is at least a portion of a web page address;  
a server for receiving the data from the shop, storing the data; and providing the data on the web page for the user, the web page being accessible with the unique address.

30. (New) The system of claim 29, wherein the data is stored on the server in a location associated with the unique address.

31. (New) The system of claim 29, wherein the device is a digital camera.

32. (New) The system of claim 29, wherein the digital camera operates for a limited period of time.

33. (New) The system of claim 29, wherein the unique address is attached onto a predetermined portion of the digital camera or its packaging, the unique address being removable.

34. (New) The system of claim 29, wherein the unique address is attached by a sticker.

35. (New) The system of claim 29, wherein the unique address is pre-stored in a memory of the digital camera.

36. (New) The system of claim 35, wherein the unique address is based on a serial number of the digital camera.

37. (New) The system of claim 35, wherein the unique address is based on information associated with the user.

38. (New) The system of claim 29, wherein the data is either image or voice data.

39. (New) The system of claim 29, wherein the unique address is included in a header of packets sent from the shop to the server.

40. (New) The system of claim 29, wherein the unique address is provided by the shop to the user in printed form.

41. (New) A method for data distribution, comprising:  
receiving a device storing image data from a user;  
assigning a unique address to the user, the unique address being at least a portion of a web page address; and  
providing access to a web page displaying the image data, the web page being accessible with the unique address.

42. (New) The method of claim 41, further comprising:  
storing the image data on a server in a location associated with the unique address.

43. (New) The method of claim 41, further comprising:  
providing a unique identifier to each of a plurality of users;  
assigning a different unique address to each of the users.

44. (New) The method of claim 41, wherein the device is a digital camera.

45. (New) The method of claim 44, further comprising:  
lending the digital camera to the user;  
reading the image data from the digital camera, upon return;

46. (New) The method of claim 45, further comprising:  
providing the web page address to the user.
47. (New) The method of claim 45, wherein the digital camera also stores voice  
data.
48. (New) The method of claim 47, further comprising:  
providing text converted from the voice data on the web page.
49. (New) The method of claim 47, further comprising:  
providing the voice data on the web page.
50. (New) The method of claim 41, further comprising:  
providing a selection of the image data so that only the selected image data is  
provided on the web page.